

RENTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 28, 1998 Council Chambers
Monday, 7:30 p.m. Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

BOB EDWARDS, Council President; TONI NELSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON; KING PARKER; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY CORMAN.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; SUSAN CARLSON, Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SANDRA MEYER, Transportation Systems Director; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1998, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

PROCLAMATIONS National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the month of October, 1998 to be "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Renton, and urging all women and their families to get the facts about mammography. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Head Injury Awareness Month

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the month of October, 1998, to be "Head Injury Awareness Month" in the City of Renton, and urging all citizens to join in this important observation. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION Streets Oakesdale Ave SW Ribbon Cutting

Sandra Meyer, Transportation Systems Director, said the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Oakesdale Ave. SW road and bridge project between SW 16th and 27th Streets will be held this Thursday. Announcing that this project will be completed one day before its projected finish date, she added that the final cost is expected to be within 5% of the original estimate. Ms. Meyer said this project is an outstanding example of how multiple factions can come together to yield a product from which the greater public benefits.

Liz Warman, representing The Boeing Company, expressed appreciation to the City for accepting this challenge, which was undertaken when Boeing was considering various locations at which to site the headquarters of its

commercial airplane group. She added that the project was ably supported by a good technical team and steering committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1998 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * Renton's Fire Department participated with other jurisdictions in Sound Shake '98, a county-wide earthquake preparedness exercise conducted by King County's Department of Emergency Management.
- * Paving for the 1998 annual Street Overlay Program is complete, including in the area of Lake Washington Blvd. and NE 44th Street.
- * Staff is investigating the potential cost of undergrounding power, telephone and cable TV wires along Park Ave. N. and N. 30th St., in response to citizen interest.
- * Work is completed on the repainting of the Wells and Williams Avenues bridges across the Cedar River.

AUDIENCE COMMENT Citizen Comment Evans - Swimming Pool Bond Issue

Ralph Evans, 3306 NE 11th Pl., Renton, 98056, said that at last week's meeting of the Highlands Community Association, City staff presented information on the upcoming family pool bond issue. He criticized the proposal as inadequately defined, saying that the City cannot say for certain which features would be included in the new facility. Noting that Renton residents already have access to Gene Coulon Park, Kenneydale Beach and the Cedar River for waterplay, he suggested that some of the proposed pool features would be duplicative of those already available at the natural sites. He felt that adding a lap pool instead would be more practical, and concluded that the City seemed to have put this proposal to voters too quickly.

Councilman Parker replied that the City has worked on this issue for two years, since determining that the Henry Moses Pool was beyond repair and must be closed. A citizen task force was formed to investigate whether the pool should be replaced, and if so, with what type of facility and in which location. The task force members took tours of other facilities, talked with experts in the field, and extensively reviewed all the available options. In addition, the Finance Committee directed that staff commission a random phone survey of Renton residents to establish their interest in having (and paying for) a new pool. Nearly 70% of those surveyed said they did want a new pool, and they were willing to pay \$5 to \$10 per year for it.

Mr. Parker emphasized that all the City is doing at this point is asking the voters to indicate whether or not they want a family pool facility. Only if the voters approve the bond issue will work begin on the specific design of the facility.

Mayor Tanner added that it will take approximately \$200,000 to achieve a detailed engineering design for the center. Supposing the bond issue was rejected, spending this amount of money beforehand would be an inexcusable waste.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler clarified that the City intends to include as many of the proposed amenities in the center as possible, depending on the climate of the construction industry at the time the bids are let as well as how the final costs pencil out. Councilman Corman added that because the more features the pool has, the greater its usage will be, the proposal presumes that user fees will help pay off the center's costs to a greater extent than if fewer features were offered.

Mr. Corman asked that the public be given notification and the opportunity to provide input on the center's final design, which Mayor Tanner agreed will be done.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE PASSAGE OF THIS BOND ISSUE. CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

CRT 98-011, The Lucas Childrens' Trust v Renton & John Doe Contractor

Court Case filed in King County Superior Court by The Lucas Childrens' Trust, owners of property in the 2600 block of Aberdeen Ave. NE, in the immediate area of the City's East Kenndale Sewer Interceptor project. Plaintiffs allege trespass by the City's contractor, unauthorized use of property, and property damages resulting from destruction of native growth and other vegetation on the site. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Streets Burnett Ave N
Temporary Closure
Extension

Development Services Division requested authorization to extend the temporary closure of Burnett Ave. N. between 5th and 6th Sts. until no later than November 15, to allow for additional ground preparation associated with the King County/Bryn Mawr sanitary sewer extension project. Refer to Transportation Committee.

EDNSP Empowerment
Zone Application (Port
Quendall Clean-up)

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department requested authorization to apply for a federal Empowerment Zone designation, which would provide the City with an opportunity to obtain up to \$3,000,000 for clean-up of the Port Quendall Terminal site. Council concur. (See page 308 for resolution.)

EDNSP DNR Grant for
Port Quendall Clean-up

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department requested approval to apply for a grant from the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for \$1,000,000 to acquire and rehabilitate the Lake Washington shoreline at the Port Quendall site. Council concur. (See page 308 for resolution.)

Annexation SE 128th St &
144th Ave SE

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department requested a public meeting be set on 10/12/98 to consider a Notice of Intent petition to annex approximately 21 acres located south of SE 128th St. and west of 144th Ave. SE. Council concur.

Planning 1998

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic

Comprehensive Plan
Amendments (Associated
Rezoning)

Planning Department recommended approval of the following six rezones as part of the implementation of the 1998 Comprehensive Plan amendments: Pan Abode site (Medium Industrial to Center Office/Residential); Puget Western site (Heavy Industrial and Commercial Office to Commercial Arterial); Boeing Commercial Airplane Group site (Heavy Industrial to Commercial Office); O'Connor Plat site (Residential-10 Dwelling Units per Acre to Residential-Eight Dwelling Units per Acre); Rainier Ave. site (Residential-Single Family to Commercial Arterial); and Hardie/Hayes site (Commercial Arterial to Residential-10 Dwelling Units per Acre). Council concur. (See page 309 for ordinances, including site locations.)

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS
Committee of the Whole
Suburban Cities
Association 1999
Legislative Agenda

Council President Edwards presented a report recommending that Council authorize the Administration to write a letter to the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) recommending that the following issues be included in the SCA's 1999 Legislative Agenda: the Endangered Species Act, State and local transportation funding, economic development tools, and criminal justice funding. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Public Safety Committee
Fire Fireworks Safety
Issues

Public Safety Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending that Staff be directed to prepare a letter to the State Legislature outlining concerns about the latest changes to the Washington Administrative Code which substantially loosen the local control of how fireworks are sold. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Councilman Corman explained that while the fireworks manufacturers' lobby continues to seek looser standards on the types of fireworks that can be sold in Washington, many jurisdictions across the state have adopted or considered total fireworks bans in response to citizen complaints and safety concerns.

Finance Committee
Finance Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claims Vouchers #163315 - 163708; two wire transfers in the total amount of \$1,158,700.94; approval of Payroll Vouchers #162407 - 162691; and 512 direct deposits in the total amount of \$1,269,828.54. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Development Services
Title IV Reorganization
Fee Changes

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report concurring with the staff recommendation to approve fee changes necessitated by the reorganization of Title IV, Development Regulations, and associated amendments to other titles in the City Code. Fees reflect actual City costs of production of the reorganized Title IV documents. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-

WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for ordinance.)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3352

EDNSP Empowerment Zone Application (Port Quendall Clean-up)

A resolution was read relating to community economic development, designating the Port Quendall site as a nominated area for the Metropolitan Seattle Empowerment Zone, approving the empowerment zone framework and authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Empowerment Zone Program on behalf of the City of Renton in partnership with the City of Seattle and Metropolitan King County. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Resolution #3353

EDNSP DNR Grant for Port Quendall Clean-up

A resolution was read authorizing the application for funding assistance for an aquatic lands enhancement account project to the Department of Natural Resources. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 10/05/98 for second and final reading:

Development Services Title IV Reorganization Fee Changes

An ordinance was read amending Sections 5-1-2.D and 5-1-2.E and rescinding Section 5-1-2.G of Chapter 1, Fee Schedule, of Title IV (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code relating to the supplements and sale price of the reorganized Title IV Development Regulations. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/05/98. CARRIED.

Rezone Rainier Ave N Site, R-98-046

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of one parcel consisting of 3.4 acres with access from Rainier Ave. N. from Residential Single Family (RS) to Commercial Arterial (CA); File No. R-98-046. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/05/98. CARRIED.

Rezone Hardie/Hayes Site, R-98-050

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of five parcels consisting of 1.36 acres bounded by the Renton Ave. extension, Hayes Pl. SW, Rainier Ave. S., SW Victoria St. and Hardie Ave. SW from Commercial Arterial (CA) to Residential-10 Dwelling Units per Acre (R-10); File No. R-98-050. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/05/98. CARRIED.

- Rezone O'Connor Plat, R-98-045
- An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of two parcels consisting of 2.5 acres and 0.5 acres located at Cedar Ave. S. and SE 172nd St. from Residential-10 Dwelling Units per Acre (R-10) to Residential-Eight Dwelling Units per Acre (R-8); File No. R-98-045. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/05/98. CARRIED.**
- Rezone Pan Abode Site, R-98-049
- An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of one parcel consisting of eight acres located at 4350 Lake Washington Blvd. between N. 44th St., I-405 and Lake Washington Blvd. N. from Medium Industrial (IM) to Center Office/Residential (COR); File No. R-98-049. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/05/98. CARRIED.**
- Rezone Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, R-98-041
- An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of two parcels consisting of 7.41 acres and 5.24 acres located at N. 8th St., Park Ave. N. and Garden Ave. N. from Heavy Industrial (IH) to Commercial Office (CO); File No. R-98-041. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/05/98. CARRIED.**
- Rezone Puget Western Site, R-98-033
- An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of one parcel consisting of 20 acres located south of Grady Way, east of Talbot Rd. S. and north and west of I-405 from Heavy Industrial (IH) and Commercial Office (CO) to Commercial Arterial (CA); File No. R-98-033. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/05/98. CARRIED.**
- NEW BUSINESS**
- Finance Municipal Electric Power Charges
- Noting that municipal-owned power utilities such as Seattle City Light enjoy certain financial advantages which negatively affect customers of private electric companies, Council President Edwards suggested that the City send a letter to its Congressional delegation on this issue. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**
- Citizen Comment
Highlands Residents -
Safety Concerns at
Vashon/NE 8th
- Councilman Corman explained that on September 14th, Council referred correspondence it had received from numerous residents on Vashon Pl. NE and NE 8th St. requesting more signage and police patrols in their area to help address safety concerns related to parking problems and speeding traffic. Although this letter was referred to the Public Safety Committee, staff has suggested that it would more appropriately be addressed in the Transportation Committee. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PUBLIC**

SAFETY COMMITTEE TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.
CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment Evans -
Campaign Signs

Ralph Evans, 3306 NE 11th Pl., Renton, 98056, inquired whether the City imposes a time limit for the removal of political campaign signs after an election has taken place. City Clerk Marilyn Petersen responded that candidates advancing from the primary to the general election may leave their signs up during the period between elections, but all signs must be removed by 10 days following the general election.

Citizen Comment Baker -
Highlands Residents Safety
Concerns at Vashon/NE
8th

Wendy Baker, 763 Vashon Pl. NE< 98056, inquired whether the Transportation Committee will consider the request from residents for additional street lighting. Councilman Corman assured her it will.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-
WHEELER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time:
8:27 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
9/28/98